



Rutherford County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

| | 2022 | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 614 | -1 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 63,632 | +6 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 104 | +7 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 95,913,000 | +111 |
| Government payments | 71,000 | -82 |
| Farm-related income | 2,733,000 | +22 |
| Total farm production expenses | 64,377,000 | +99 |
| Net cash farm income | 34,340,000 | +118 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 156,210 | +113 |
| Government payments ^a | 3,235 | -18 |
| Farm-related income ^a | 18,716 | +19 |
| Total farm production expenses | 104,848 | +101 |
| Net cash farm income | 55,928 | +120 |

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 5 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 95 |

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

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|-------------|--------|
| Cropland | 21,145 |
| Pastureland | 18,628 |
| Woodland | 20,593 |
| Other | 3,266 |

Acres irrigated: 238

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 10 |
| Reduced till | 1 |
| Intensive till | 11 |
| Cover crop | 8 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^b |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 305 | 50 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 72 | 12 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 55 | 9 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 86 | 14 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 29 | 5 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 21 | 3 |
| \$100,000 or more | 46 | 7 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^b |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 46 | 7 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 267 | 43 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 207 | 34 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 68 | 11 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 25 | 4 |
| 1,000+ acres | 1 | (Z) |

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

| | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank in State ^c | Counties Producing Item | Rank in U.S. ^c | Counties Producing Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total | 95,913 | 47 | 100 | 1,438 | 3,078 |
| Crops | 5,093 | 90 | 100 | 2,455 | 3,074 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 1,276 | 79 | 99 | 2,130 | 2,917 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 56 | - | 267 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 52 | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 476 | 69 | 100 | 1,124 | 2,831 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | 459 | 47 | 95 | 905 | 2,711 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 709 | 69 | 97 | 1,034 | 2,660 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 36 | - | 1,274 |
| Other crops and hay | 2,173 | 35 | 97 | 1,370 | 3,035 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 90,819 | 34 | 100 | 726 | 3,076 |
| Poultry and eggs | 85,614 | 28 | 100 | 236 | 3,027 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,692 | 18 | 99 | 1,731 | 3,047 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | 33 | 48 | (D) | 1,770 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | 63 | 95 | 1,260 | 2,814 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 88 | 26 | 95 | 1,520 | 2,967 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 300 | 16 | 87 | 854 | 2,907 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 53 | - | 1,190 |
| Other animals and animal products | 51 | 41 | 96 | 1,246 | 2,909 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Producers ^d | 1,012 | Percent of farms that: | Top Crops in Acres ^e |
| Sex | | Have internet access | Forage (hay/haylage), all 13,797 |
| Male | 658 | 69 | Corn for silage/greenchop 840 |
| Female | 354 | | Corn for grain 642 |
| Age | | Farm organically | Soybeans for beans 179 |
| <35 | 106 | - | Vegetables harvested, all 59 |
| 35 – 64 | 528 | | |
| 65 and older | 378 | | |
| Race | | Sell directly to consumers | Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022) |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 8 | 8 | Broilers and other meat-type chickens 2,816,568 |
| Asian | 5 | | Cattle and calves 11,553 |
| Black or African American | 9 | Hire farm labor | Goats 504 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 2 | 17 | Hogs and pigs 141 |
| White | 988 | | Horses and ponies 573 |
| More than one race | - | Are family farms | Layers 94,280 |
| Other characteristics | | 98 | Pullets 141 |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 9 | | Sheep and lambs 453 |
| With military service | 99 | | Turkeys 53 |
| New and beginning farmers | 380 | | |

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.